

*Washington, DC* – Today U.S. Representative John Hall (D-NY19) introduced a concurrent resolution in the House of Representatives supporting the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart Recognition Day. Hall's resolution honors all the brave men and women who were injured serving their country and who were awarded a Purple Heart. It also encourages all Americans to learn about the history of the Purple Heart and to honor its recipients. Hall, who is Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, said he is pushing for adoption of the resolution before National Purple Heart Recognition Day on August 7th. The U.S. Senate passed a similar measure on July 16th. "National Purple Heart Recognition Day reminds every American to honor the veterans who have earned the Purple Heart through their brave service to our country," said Hall. "Their sacrifices, and those of all veterans, deserve our deepest gratitude and support."

The Purple Heart was established in Newburgh, NY in 1782 by General George Washington during the Revolutionary War. It is the oldest military decoration in the world that is still in use. The award was revived in 1932, on the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth, to honor his memory and military achievements. The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded in conflict with an enemy force or are wounded while held as prisoners of war, and is awarded posthumously to the next of kin of members of the Armed Forces killed in a conflict with an enemy force or who die of wounds received in conflict.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is located in the 19th Congressional District in New Windsor, New York. The Hall of Honor pays tribute to the more than 1,535,000 recipients of the Purple Heart, including the approximately 550,000 of whom are still living. It will host special events on August 7th in tribute to National Purple Heart Recognition Day.